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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *A. Infante*
RE: Proposed Certification Test Changes - Request for Approval

Proposed Certification Test Changes

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to recommend assessments and minimum passing scores for approval by the Council.

I recommend the following changes to assessment instruments and passing scores for approval:

Testing Updates

Certification Area	Current Test	Cut Score	Proposed Test	Recommended Cut Score
Superintendent of Schools	School Superintendent Assessment (6021)	160	ETS School Superintendent Assessment (6991)	162
Middle Grades Science	Middle Grades Science (5440)	150	Middle Grades Science (5442)	152
Reading Specialist/Consultant	Reading Specialist (5301)	164	Reading Specialist (5302)	165

Superintendent of Schools - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will no longer offer the School Superintendent Assessment (6021) as of September 2020. The new assessment, ETS School Superintendent Assessment (6991), aligns to the *Professional Standards for Educational Leaders*, from which Rhode Island developed its own *Rhode Island Standards for Educational Leaders*. The recommended cut score is the recommended passing score from the multistate standard-setting study conducted in January 2019.

Middle Grades Science - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will no longer offer the Middle Grades Science (5440) as of September 2020. The new assessment, Middle Grades Science (5442), aligns to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The recommended cut score is the recommended passing score from the multistate standard-setting study conducted in January 2020.

Reading Specialist - The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will no longer offer the Reading Specialist (5301) as of September 2020. The new assessment, Reading Specialist (5302), based largely on the 2017 Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals. The recommended cut score is the recommended passing score from the multistate standard-setting study conducted in February 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the ETS School Superintendent Assessment (6991) with a cut score of 162, the ETS Middle Grades Science (5442) with a cut score of 152, and the ETS Reading Specialist Assessment (5302) with a cut score of 165.